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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

In response to the non-final Examiner's Action mailed 03/09/2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 06/09/2004, please amend the above-identified patent application a first time as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin in page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.